

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to correct antecedent basis problems, without changing the scope of the claims.

Applicants continue to disagree with the rejection of claim 28, and urge the Examiner to reconsider whether the prior art discloses the claimed capability of processing a sequence of input data (obtained from a coding/decoding process) to (1) determine whether any voice signal is likely to be in the sequence, and (2) if so, start processing the sequence to identify any non-voice signal therein. The relied upon art only generally discloses the detection of DTMF signals, and does not teach or suggest the above-mentioned capability recited in claim 28.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now pending (1) are in proper form, (2) are neither obvious nor anticipated by the relied upon art of record, and (3) are in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would be useful in moving the application forward to allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at (310) 207-3800.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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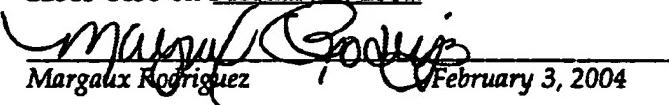
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